GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6760
ANSWERED ON:09.05.2000
BAN ON BOOK
VENKATA KRISHNAM RAJU UPPALAPATI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem appearing in the Hindustan Times dated February 14. 2000 under the caption `Ramayana rapper sells in Andhra`;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government propose to take action to ban the book which is hurting the religious susceptibilities of majority of the people in the country;

(d) if so, the action being taken in the matter; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): Government has seen the news item that appeared in the Hindustan Times in its issue dated 14-2-2000 under the caption `Ramayana rapper sells in Andhra`.

(b)to(e): A report has been called for from the State Government. A view in the matter will be taken on receipt of the State Government`s report.